

CH-187
Hawkins Cemetery
La Plata

19th century

This large private family cemetery stands near the site of a 19th century Hawkins home called Oakley which was destroyed by fire in 1968. The Hawkins family has maintained land holdings here since the late 17th century.

Hawkin's Family Cemetery
CH-187
LaPlata vicinity
Public

1750-1932

The Hawkins Family Cemetery is the ancestral burying place for the Hawkins family of Charles County which have held property in the Hawkins Gate vicinity since the 17th century. The site consists of a small family burial plot containing thirteen marked gravestones surrounded by a Gothic-style iron fence with a gate on the south wall. Gravestones range in date from the mid- 18th to the early 20th century. Several Hawkin's family homes survive in the vicinity including Western View (CH-156) and Englewood (CH-303).

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-187

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hawkins Family Cemetery
other

2. Location

street and number 6885 Hawkins Gate Road not for publication
city, town LaPlata x vicinity
county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hawkins Family/Barbara Carpentier
street and number P.O. Box 1039 telephone 301-934-3226
city, town LaPlata state MA zip code 20646-1039

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 34-20-16
city, town LaPlata liber 59 folio 127

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hawkins Family Cemetery is located on the west side of Hawkins Gate Road to the east of LaPlata. The site consists of a small family burial plot containing thirteen marked gravestones surrounded by a gothic style iron fence with a gate on the south wall. Standing in the center of the plot is a mature pine tree.

The date on the stones range from the mid-eighteenth to early twentieth century, with the oldest being that of Henry Holland Hawkins who died in 1750. The most recent grave belonged to James Ellen Marshall who died in November of 1932.

The cemetery is situated near the road in a contemporary housing development. A new dwelling is located directly to the south. Currently the burial site is not being maintained and is covered by heavy overgrowth.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1750-1932 **Architect** Unknown

Construction dates 1750-1932 **Builder** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Hawkins Family Cemetery is the ancestral burying place for the Hawkins family of Charles County which have held property in the Hawkins Gate vicinity since the 17th century. Consequently the stones in the cemetery range in date from the mid-eighteenth to the early twentieth century. The earliest gravestone on the site is one of Henry Holland Hawkins who died in 1750.

The most recent marker belonged to a James Ellen Hawkins who passed away in November of 1932. In his last will and testament "Jemmie" E. Hawkins requested his farm known as "Oakley" to be sold. The following year, Hawkins family heirs sold the entire property except the "500 square feet that the family reserves as a family burial lot" to the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore. The lot was described as 50 x 50 feet, enclosed in an iron fence and standing about one hundred yards northwest of the dwelling.

While Oakley burned in 1968, several other Hawkin's family homes survive in the vicinity including Western View (CH-156) and Englewood (CH-303).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .25
Acreage of historical setting .25
Quadrangle name LaPlata Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Hawkins Family Cemetery is associated with Charles County Property Map 45, Grid 2, Parcel 15, and is located within the present Lot #27.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	10/4/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20602

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
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Hawkins Family Cemetery
name of property
Charles County, MD
county and state

Partial Chain of title:

- March 7, 1933 Last will and testament of Jemmie E. Hawkins. My property including farm known as "Oakley" to be sold.
GAW 21 Folio 277
- June 18, 1934 G. Marshall Hawkins, et al. for estate of Jemmie E. Hawkins to Federal Land Bank of Baltimore. "Oakley" or part of Oakley containing 350 a. save and except 500 square feet that the family reserves as family burial lot. 50 x 50 ft. enclosed in iron fence about 100 yards NW of dwelling.
WMA 59 Folio 127
- Circa 1997 Plat of Subdivision "Hawkins Purchase". Comments read "existing graveyard owned by Hawkins heirs L59F127, perpetual historic site easement is for access and maintenance of existing graveyard."
Plat Book DGB 49 Folio 123.
- July 24, 1998 Homecroft Development Inc. to William and Barbara Carpentier. Lot #27 Hawkins Purchase Subdivision. [Cemetery located in Lot #27 although it continues to be owned by the Hawkins Family.]
Liber 2612 Folio 367

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Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*.
Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*.
LaPlata, MD. Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

Tombstone Inscriptions In Cemeteries In Charles Co., MD
Unpublished manuscript at the Southern Maryland Studies Center,
College of Southern Maryland, LaPlata

HAWKINS CEMETERY AT "OAKLEY"

Hawkins Gate Road, LaPlata

App. 2 ½ miles from dirt road

13 tombstones

Transcribed August 29, 1983 by Michael Mazzeo

HAMILTON

Elizabeth Hamilton died Jan. 22, 1915 with abiding faith
courage and sweet charity she lived patient that she might serve

Mary Emily, wife of John Hamilton died Aug. 13, 1876 age 65 yrs.
I have fought the good fight, I have finished my cause, I have
kept the faith

HAWKINS

Here interred the body of Henry Hawkins son of Henry Holland
Hawkins and Joan his wife. He was born Dec. 31st 1727 and
departed this life March 11, 1770 aged 43 yrs. Erected by his
sister Jane Hawkins

Here lieth the body of Henry Holland Hawkins who departed this
life on the 28th day of November in the year of our lord 1750,
aged 67 years

Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Josias Henry and Sarah Weems
Hawkins. Died Dec. 27, 1906 aged 75 years.
other side of stone: Rev. Moses Hoge Hunter died Jan. 10, 1899
aged 84 years. By his wife Nannie Hawkins. The souls of the
righteous are in the hands of God

Here reposes the body of the lat Mrs. Mary Hawkins wife of
Col. Samuel Hawkins Born March 26th 1778 Died Dec'r 19th 1852
in the 74th year of her age

In memory of Josias Henry Hawkins born Sept. 21, 1800 died
Dec. 18, 1889 . Sarah Weems his wife born June 7, 1808 died
Sept. 2, 1896. Numbered with thy saint in glory everlasting

Our little darling, Eleanor Marshall, daughter of J. Henry & Jemmie
Hawkins Born Aug. 8, 1887 Died March 1, 1888. Suffer little
children to come unto me

Willie Marshall, son of J. Henry & Jemmie E. Hawkins 1899-1900

John W. Hawkins, M.D. born 1839 died 1925

In memory of Mary Emily Hawkins daughter of Josias H. & Sarah W.
Hawkins born July 27, 1841 died July 1883. she hath done what
she could

Josias Henry Hawkins Aug. 8, 1850-Mar. 23, 1917
James Ellen Marshall Oct. 11, 1859-Nov. 30, 1932

Col. Samuel Hawkins born Feb. 28, 1766 died June 23, 1833
aged 66 years.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/18/99

North arrow:



Name: Hawkins Family Cemetery

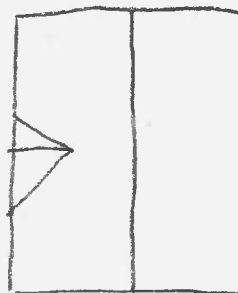
Address: Hawkins Gate Rd.

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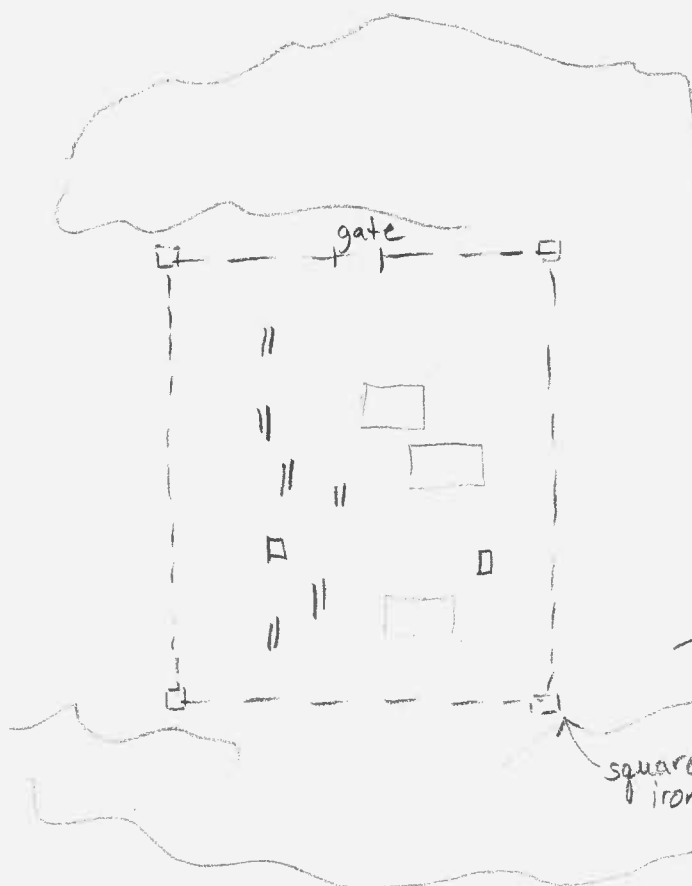
Charles County, Maryland

La Plata ☒ Vicinity

Hawkins Gate Road

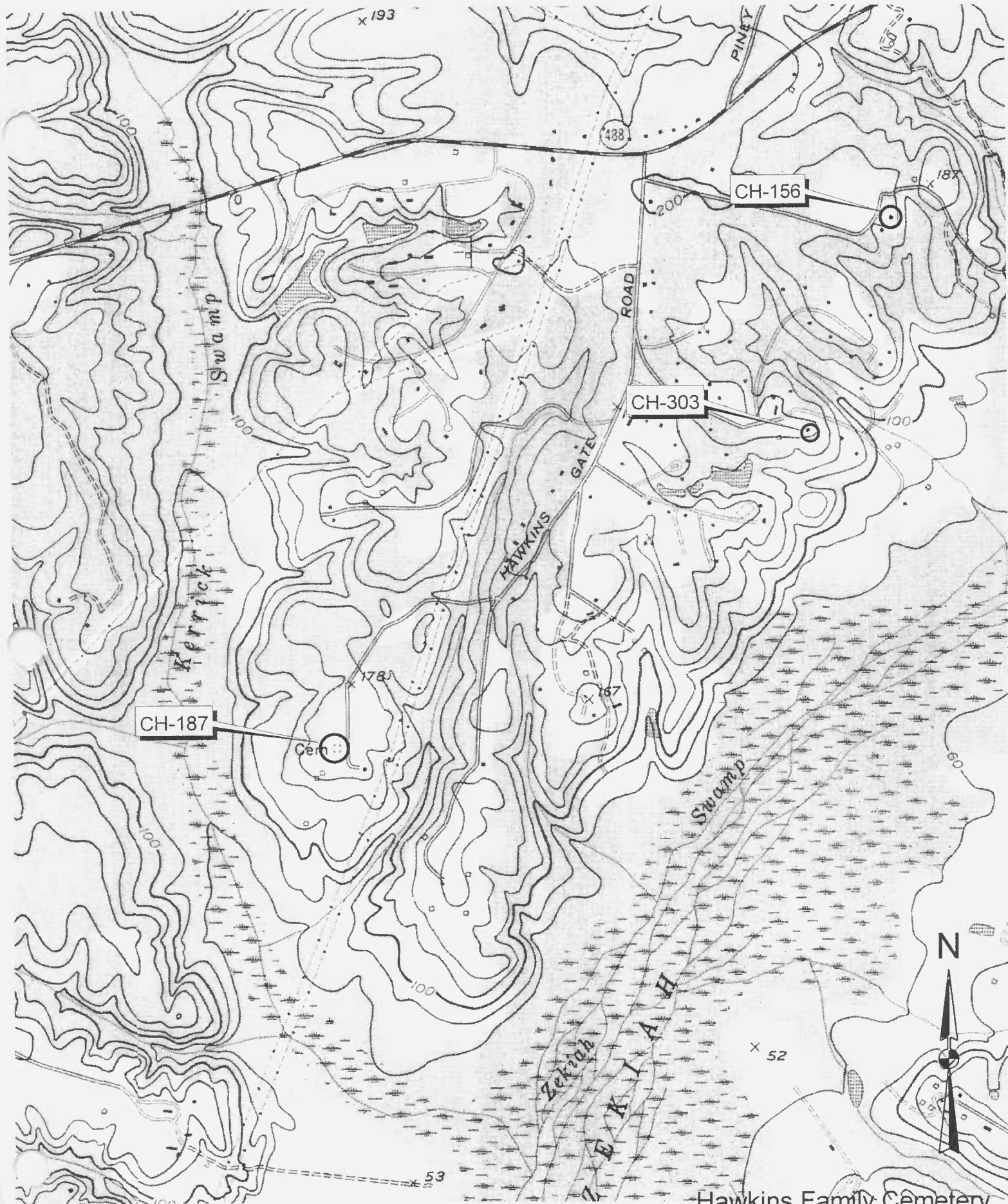


new dwelling



slopes down

square Gothic style iron posts



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Charles County, MD
LaPlata, MD Quad



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HAWKINS FAMILY CEMETERY
CHARLES COUNTY, MD

K.G. SMITH

11/99 MARYLAND SHPO

LOOKING NORTHWEST

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